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1. Between 7 May and 19 June 1948, the following eastbound transports passed through Frankfurt/Oder:

| No. of Trains | No. of Cars | Description of Transports |
|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 74 | 2,841 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| 9 | 352 | RR tracks and iron parts |
| 8 | 311 | RR tank cars, guarded |
| 6 | 236 | Cellulose |
| 6 | 232 | Automobiles, new |
| 8 | 319 | New RR freight cars, loaded |
| 18 | 688 | Lumber |
| 7 | 264 | Soap products |
| 26 | 1,024 | Iron masts, iron frames and beams, etc. |
| 17 | 659 | Machines and machine parts, mostly crated |
| 8 | 326 | Iron pipes and cable drums |
| 1 | 37 | Iron plates |
| 8 | 306 | Textiles * |
| 20 | 585 | Military personnel going on furlough: approx. 17,500 men, among them 1,100 EM and officers with black epaulets and artillery insignia |
| 2 | 73 | 68 Russian medium tanks, with crews |
| 1 | 34 | 60 anti-aircraft guns, camouflaged, estimated caliber 88 mm., 4 cars carrying crews |
| 11 | 434 | Canned food * |
| 2 | 77 | Horses |
| 7 | 267 | Glassware * |
| 1 | 38 | Civilians (women and children), allegedly Lithuanians |
| 2 | 83 | Barracks parts |
| 2 | 77 | Sugar and sweetmeats |
| 3 | 112 | Cement |
| 1 | 39 | Construction materials |
| 6 | 236 | Large boilers and iron parts |
| 2 | 82 | Paper goods * |
| 1 | 42 | Winches and cable drums |

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* Transports marked by an asterisk consisted mainly of closed cars whose content was given only insofar as it could be reliably determined.

EM and officers of the "leave trains" belonged to various branches of the service. Most of the men travelled without weapons.

The new RR freight cars, which were piled upon each other, are for the most part regular flat cars (Plattenwagen) which have been built for the Russian RR gauge. There were also some small mine railway cars. Most of the cars were without wheels.

2. During the same period, i.e. between 7 May and 19 June, 236 empty trains returned from Russia and passed through Frankfurt/Oder on their way to Germany. In addition, the following westbound transports were observed:

a. Military Transports

| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Approx. No. of Men</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 9 May | 29 | 700 |
| 11 May | 29 | 900 |
| 13 May | 29 | 700 |
| 16 May | 28 | 650 |
| 18 May | 27 | 900 |
| 20 May | 26 | 700 |
| 22 May | 28 | 600 |
| 25 May | 29 | 500 |
| 27 May | 28 | 550 |
| 29 May | 29 | 500 |
| 1 June | 28 | 600 |
| 3 June | 28 | 500 |
| 5 June | 28 | 500 |
| 8 June | 29 | 700 |
| 11 June | 28 | 850 |
| 12 June | 30 | 900 |
| 15 June | 30 | 1,000 |
| 17 June | 30 | 700 |
| 19 June | 30 | 1,000 |

b. Prisoner of War Transports

| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Approx. No. of Men</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 7 May | 37 | 1,300 |
| 9 May | 32 | 1,200 |
| 11 May | 39 | 1,300 |
| 14 May | 41 | 1,400 |
| 15 May | 90 | 3,000 |
| 16 May | 41 | 1,400 |
| 18 May | 37 | 1,100 |
| 19 May | 30 | 1,200 |
| 20 May | 112 | 4,000 |
| 22 May | 38 | 1,300 |
| 24 May | 1 train | Number of cars and of men could not be determined |
| 26 May | 37 | 1,400 |
| 28 May | 41 | 1,350 |
| 30 May | 41 | 1,200 |
| 31 May | 91 | 3,200 |
| 2 June | 34 | 1,100 |

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Approx. No. of Men</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 June | 39 | 1,400 |
| 7 June | 34 | 1,200 |
| 8 June | 38 | 1,300 |
| 9 June | 78 | 3,200 |
| 10 June | 32 | 1,100 |
| 12 June | 35 | 1,350 |
| 14 June | 37 | 1,500 |
| 16 June | 36 | 1,300 |
| 18 June | 78 | 2,800 |
| 19 June | 32 | 1,100 |

The men of these transports were in much better physical shape and better dressed than returnees of previous transports.

3. Between 22 May and 27 June 1948, the following eastbound transports moved through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Insterburg:

| <u>No. of Trains</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Description of Transports</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 15 | 809 | Scrap iron |
| 14 | 750 | Cement |
| 6 | 325 | Timber for mines |
| 4 | 216 | Sugar |
| 2 | 106 | Lumber |
| 6 | 320 | Barracks parts, made of wood |
| 4 | 213 | Barracks parts, made of metal |
| 1 | 56 | Grain, transport accompanied by guards |
| 1 | 54 | Machine parts |
| 2 | 58 | Officers, dependents, and much luggage |

During the same period, 48 empty trains returned from the east and passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Germany.

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